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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

## A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, in the above-identified patent application. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper. **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 12 of this paper.